the State Governments with particular reference to the use of the Panchakarma and Kshar-Sutra Therapies.

(c) The climate is favourable for giving due place to the ISM & H in the Health Care System.

Indigenous Technology for Detection of Deadly Diseases

1332. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a package of indigenously developed technology has been developed for early detection of dengue, Japanese encephalitis and the West Nile infection, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 14th November, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the indigenously developed kit has been in regular use in the Indian hospitals with encouraging results;

(c) whether similar system is likely to be developed for early detection of the deadly disease like HIV/AIDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) It has been reported that National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, an institute under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has developed an indigenous kit for rapid diagnosis of Japanese Encephalitis, Dengue and West Nile virus infection. The kit has been independently evaluated in different laboratories and found to work satisfactorily. The kit is stated to have been supplied to WHO and other Research/Public Health Laboratories.

(c) and (d) As reported by ICMR, XYTON, Bangalore has developed indigenous HIV 1 and 2 Test Kits which are currently available in the market. The kit can detect HIV 1 including Type C.

Opening and Upgradation of Hospitals in Arunachal Pradesh

1333. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds have been sanctioned by Government for opening and upgradation of hospitals/ dispensaries in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;